Docket No.: 071971-0494 PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 53080

Mitsuyoshi MORI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 3460

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Application No.: 10/571,426 : Group Art Unit: 2813

Filed: March 10, 2006 : Examiner: NICELY, Joseph C.

FOI: SOLID STATE IMAGING APPARATUS METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE SAME

AND CAMERA USING THE SAME

AMENDMENT AND RCE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2009, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 23. 2009, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

A Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith.